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National Genealogy Day

Genealogy Day is every second Saturday in March and this year, it takes place on March 9. A day when it's perfectly alright to dig around the past to learn more about your relatives!

Need help to get started?
Have a brick wall that needs cracked?

Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group (HHGG) runs drop-in 'Afternoon with Ancestors' sessions at the Minden & the Haliburton Public Libraries on alternating Tuesdays.

Adele is amazing at using the databases that are available at the library to help patrons find answers to their family tree and genealogy questions. Both Ancestry.com and Family Search sites are free to use at the local library.

HHGG membership is just $12 per year - gives you access to their Resource Room within the Minden library, 4 *Original Roots* newsletters a year. They meet 5 times a year (Apr, May, June, Sept & Oct) at St Paul's Anglican Church Parish Hall in Minden.

Victorian Hat Workshop - April 12

Under the expert guidance of Melissa Stephens, costume designer for Highlands Summer Festival you will have the opportunity to design and decorate your own Victorian hat.

Over the next few months scout out second hand stores, your or our friends craft stash.
Put a box aside and when you see something that may be useful - drop it into the box to bring with you in April.

As you put items in the box, don't decide right now what you will and won't use. Put anything in that may be needed. You can always trade with other ladies. Ribbon, lace, pearls, beads especially sparkly ones, silk flowers, berries on sticks, greenery, tulle, bias tape and little birds are all items to find. If you have long pins and sewing clips to secure things as you work—stick them in the box too.

Don't forget to find a hat or two. Your creativity on the day will determine which one you will decorate. Types of hats to look for — straw, sun bonnet, pill,

Come and get crafty with us.
April 12, Irondale church hall, 2pm.
$10 pp—remember to bring your own supplies.

Susie's Musings

Kill your excuses; face your fears and stop doubting yourself.

You can't buy happiness but you can buy wine and that's almost the same thing.

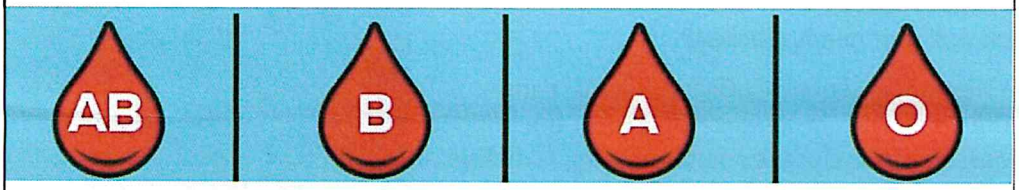
Fishing...if it was easy it would be called Catching.

A Man's house is his castle—until his Queen arrives

The best thing to hold onto in life is each other.

Make time to enjoy the simple things in life. Do more of what makes you happy.

Two things define you — your patience when you have nothing and your attitude when you have everything.



BLOOD TYPING

In the early days of blood transfusion, the transfusion itself could be a success; yet the patient often died.

In 1665, English physician Richard Lower began blook transfusion experiments on dogs. In Nov 1667, Samuel Pepys recorded in his diary that Lower had transfused the blood of a lamb into a man.

While on the continent, Jean-Baptiste Denys, court physician to King Louis XIV of France, treated a boy by transfusing him with lamb's blood. The patient survived. Sanguine with success, Deny performed further animal-to-human transfusions until he experience a fatality.

About 150 years later, James Blundell, a London obstetrician, discovered that intra-species transfusions appeared safe in animals, whereas humans tended to be finicky. The transfusion of a human patient with human blood could prove fatal.

In 1875, German physiologist Leonard Landois made a discovery that explained the ill effects of certain transfusions. An animal's red blood cells aggregated and burst when mixed with the serums of an animal from a different species. He found the same detrimental effect when he mixed blood samples from different people.

Karl Landsteiner, assistant professor at the Institute of Pathology and Anatomy in Vienna, investigated the blood reaction in 1900. He obtained blood from six people and separated serum and red blood cells in each sample. Landsteiner then mixed red blood cells from one person with serum from another. In certain mixtures, the serum caused the cells to aggregate, whereas this reaction did not occur in other mixtures.

By tracking the aggregation reactions, Landsteiner discerned two types of blood, which he called Type A and Type B. Further investigation revealed that serum from a third blood type caused aggregation of both Type A and Type B red blood cells. He called this Type C, but later renamed it Type O. Landsteiner's assistant discovered yet another kind of serum that failed to initiate aggregation f Type A and Type B blood cells. This one, they called Type AB, the fourth major blood group.

Taken from History Magazine's 'Book of Trivia' *www.history-magazine.com*

with heartfelt sympathy

Since the last issue we learned we lost a member of our community.

~ ~ ~

Barry W. Reid
December 9, 2024
Supporter of BLCD, and the Irondale Community Church

~ ~ ~

Todd D. Mansfield
December 19, 2024
son of Gary (deceased) and Kathleen O'Keefe Mansfield, brother of Kevin and John

~ ~ ~

Susan Scheffee
wife of Gordon Scheffee, daughter of Aubrey & Hazel Maxwell (predeceased) of Maxwell's Crossing in Irondale area

~ ~ ~

Edward Hancock
January 8, 2025
husband of Christine, father of Ryan and Lisa

Submitted Article from Katharine McAlpine

The following is an article that was originally printed in the Haliburton County Echo in 1978. The article I found was reprinted in the "Scouting News" of October 1978. At the end of the article proper it does mention the names of the leaders and the boys who participated. A Marlene McKee is mentioned as one of the 45th "A" Cub Pack leaders. Kathy

The article is as follows:

Scouts Spend Weekend in Irondale

A recent weekend saw the 45th "A", 31st Cup Packs, 41st Venturers and leaders of the Tadenac area, East Toronto, camped on the lawn of Mr. and Mrs. James McKee's cottage at Irondale.

The 39 boys and leaders came on Friday afternoon and were soon allotted to eight tents erected during the week by an advance party.

Saturday morning they went on a four-mile hike and were provided with a lunch. The day was hot and later all enjoyed a good swim. In the afternoon after a rest period many tests were run off and badges presented. In the evening all sat around a campfire singing songs and telling stories.

Sunday morning a Cubs' Own Service was held. Mrs. McKee opened the service with a prayer. One of the senior leaders gave an appropriate and interesting talk.

With regret, they had to pack up and leave for Toronto in the afternoon.

This is the sixth year Mr. and Mrs. McKee have brought their Cub Packs and Scout Troops to Irondale. They have participated in three walk-a-thons. Considerable money was raised which they donated to the local Anglican Church.

The names of the leaders and boys were:
45th "A" Cubs: Leaders—Joan Thompson, Marlene McKee, Gord Smith, Leonard Thompson (244th Venturer), Philip Thompson (45th Scout), Tabby Hazard (Jr. Leader); Cubs—Ross Booth, Michael Gillis, Jimmy Graham, Jimmy Hughes, Grant James, Gerard Klaus, Aaron Lawrence, Elliott Lawrence, Michael Thompson, Glen Wilson.

31st Cubs: Leaders—Lea Elcombe, Brian Elcombe, Wayne Pollard, Brenda Jarvie (41st Cub Leader); Cubs—Gord Adams, Scott Alvater, John Bickmore, Michael Devison, Wayne Devison, Richy Gourdreau, Gary Hugh, Peter Morello, Kevin Natale, Mark Oleksiuk, Danny Patel, Norman Webley.

41st Venturers: Leader—Bill Maxwell; Venturers—Jeff Holt, Rob Holt, Bryan Noones, Alan Thompson.
Cooks—Elsie Higginson and Paulette Thompson. Camp Mascots—Shep, Teddy Tadenac.
(The foregoing is a reprint from 'The Haliburton County Echo')

FERGIE JENKINS

born 1943 in Chatham, ON and grew up playing hockey before switching to baseball as a pitcher. In his spectacular career, mainly with the Chicago Cubs and the Texas Rangers, he won 20 games a year, six years in a row. Altogether he won 284 games, and became the first Canadian to be elected to the Baseball hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.

from 'Further Fabulous Canadians!' by Gordon Snell & Aislin

Homemade Mayonnaise

Ingredients:

2 lg eggs, room temp
2 tbsp Dijon mustard
2 tbsp red or white wine vinegar
1/2 tsp kosher salt (to taste)
2 cups vegetable or canola oil
2 tsp fresh lemon juice

To get the best result, all ingredients should be at room temp. Whisk by hand or use a food processor.
Beat the raw eggs for 20 seconds. Add the mustard, vinegar and salt for another 20 seconds.
Slowly drizzle the oil, in drops at first for the first 1/2 cup beating as you go. Once mixed you can add the remaining oil in a steady thin stream. Like magic the mixture will thicken and emulsify.
Once thick, you can stop beating. Taste for seasoning and add more salt, vinegar or lemon juice to taste.
Pour into a jar with a lid and store in the fridge. Will keep for at least a week, though Pamela at www.downtonabbeycooks.com website claims she has not had any issues storing for a month.

www.downtonabbeycooks.com

Solve this Crossword Puzzle using your knowledge of Haliburton County.

This puzzle was created many, many years ago for the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group (HHGG). Unfortunately the puzzle book was not dated, however judging by the adverts—it was early to mid 1980's. The completed puzzle was never published —so I am going to have to try and complete it myself in order to provide the correct answers.

Editor's Note: Please excuse the use of terms that would be considered 'derogatory' in today's language.

ACROSS

1. Iron discovered at Devil's Creek gave its name to this village.
2. The name of this lake means 'the lake of many echoes'.
3. This township reminded settlers of the valley around Caerdydd.
4. This township was named for a British Army Commander, Baron ____.
5. This village has a skeleton on its main street.
6. The highest mountain in Wales gives this township its name.
7. This village has disappeared but the name likely came from the sound the logs made in the water sluiceway.
8. This lake was probably named after an early farming family of the area.
9. This village borrows its name from a bay in North Wales.
10. An Indian tribe's name lends its name to this park.
11. Stand beside the lake on a quiet evening and you may hear this bird.
12. These destroyed Minden's Main Street on three separate occasions.
13. Alexander ____ was an early land surveyor.

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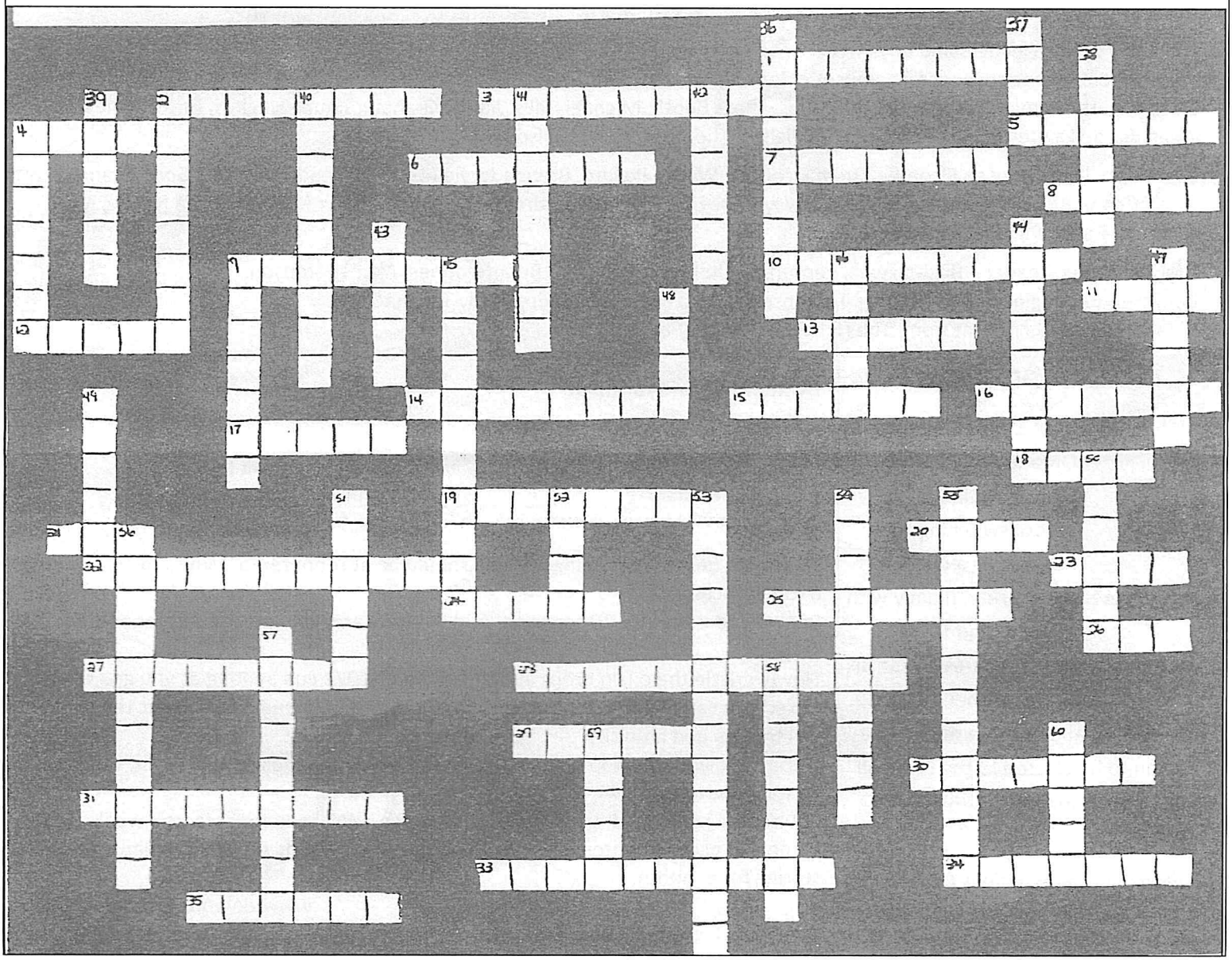


ACROSS

14. Translated the name of this lake means 'meeting o three waters.'
15. The dictionary definition of this word is 'joined together, make or become one."
16. The title given to the very first people to live in the area.
17. This township named for another British Army Commander, General George ____.
18. A sport played on green areas.
19. A British Army Commander, Sir Henry ___, gave this township his name.
20. The name of the river that runs from Rotary Park area to a lake of the same name.
21. If the summer is ectremely hot, you'll hope you have one of these.
22. A township and village share the name of an anti-slavery Member of UK House of Commons, first name was William.
23. Hope we don't get much of this in the summer.
24. Haliburton County has a lot of these.
25. This lake is near Iron mines and is said to be named for an Italian city.
26. We want lots and lots of this for our holidays.
27. An historical researcher lends his nam to this township.
28. An African explorer is remembered in this township's name.
29. A half serious suggestion to do with the area's preoccupation with lumbering gives this village its name.
30. A local chief has a lake and a village bearing his name.
31. Same answer as #9 across.
32. The name of this lake gives you an idea how long it is.
33. This resort was named after the Minister of the Militia and a champion of Ross Rifle.
34. Name the county town.

DOWN

2. This lake got its name from a native trapper whose family lived beside for it for 5 generations.
4. This is the County's southeasternmost township, named for the capitol of Wales.
9. This village has all but disappeared; named after a Somerset Eng town and a food product.
36. The name of this body of water likely recalls the area's job situation.
37. A lake's name and a part of a body.
38. One of the townships covered by the AHM council.
39. The largest municipality in Haliburton County takes its name from a Scottish Seaport.
40. A Toronto Distillery donated the free booze for a major bash in this village.
41. Another township named for a British Army Commander, Sir John Laird ____.
42. Story has it that ____ was name after a Welsh greyhound accused of killing a child.
43. A lake bears this name and its found in homes.
44. Surveyors pegged this lake's name, its between the Hollow River watershed and the watershed on the north.
45. This road in now known as Hwy 118 but was originally called ___ after the Minister of Agriculture in 1856.
46. These mills ground grain into flour.
47. There are two bodies of water south of Minden bearing this name.
48. The initials for the authors of this booklet.
49. Did you get the answer to 29 across? It's the same answer here.
50. The year round population is nicknamed this.
51. A piece of currency.
52. This 'administrator' of Canada temporarily oversaw the government for Governor Sir Edmund Head. His name was General Sir William ____.
53. This name gives the tongue a real workout. It means 'the long and winding waters.'
54. Sir Francis ___, an explorer was sent to the Canadian Arctic to look for the Franklin expedition
55. This water spot sounds like a 'hot spot'.
56. "The Lady of the Lamp" gives this township its name.
57. The appearance of the square building and a local lumberman probably gave this village its name.
58. The only Liberal supported in this village jokingly offered the name for this village.
59. The landscape of Haliburton County is not very ___.
60. Haliburton County has 500 of them within its boundaries, most of them named.

Peterborough Normal School known later as Teacher's College. Built 1907-1908. Located 100 Benson Ave.

Paul Morrisette of Haliburton County will be speaking to the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group this summer. The title of his presentation "History of Sports in Haliburton County, Part 3. This third presentation will cover Hockey.

A chat during Paul's Part 2 presentation- women's sports in the county revealed Haliburton's Ethel Curry played hockey when attending the Peterborough Normal School. She played Centre position on the team in 1921 and 1922. *Ethel is pictured seated at centre in the back row.*

Paul's presentations are interesting, even if you are not sports minded yourself. I have thoroughly enjoyed the local history stories he shares. If you wish to listen to Paul's presentation this summer, it will be in Minden on May 20 at 7pm. Further information , email historial@IrondaleOntario.ca or call/text Carol at 705-457-8438.

On the Six Nations of the Grand River Territory, the new year is celebrated by visiting friends and family on New Year's day, sharing freshly baked cookies and donuts.

Ingredients:

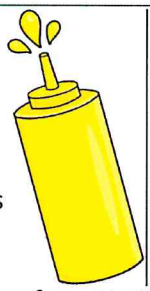
1 cup butter or lard, softened
2 cups brown sugar
1 egg, well beaten
1 cup buttermilk
4 1/2 cups flour
1 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp baking soda
1/4 tsp salt
1 tsp nutmeg

Instructions:
- Preheat oven to 350°F.
- In a large bowl mix together the butter, sugar and egg.
- In a separate bowl, mix dry ingredients together.
- Add dry ingredients to butter mixture 1/2 cup at a time alternating with buttermilk.
- Add a little flour to make the dough workable. Transfer to a floured surface, knead a little until the dough is no longer sticky.
- Roll dough to about 1/2 inch thick and cut into shapes with cookie cutters. Bake for 10 to 15 minutes.

Note: You can add 1 cup of raisins if you want to. Be sure to soak the raisins in a cup of hot water for at least 30 mins prior to adding them into the dough. This will prevent your raisins from becoming hard burnt niblets in the cookies.

Recipe courtesy of Woodland Cultural Centre, found through the Indigenous Family Literacy Circle January 2025 Newsletter

Saskatchewan is the world's largest exporter of **Mustard** and the United States eats most of it.



Otters use a loose patch of **Armpit Skin** as a pocket to hold food.

Without its lakes, Canada would be a smaller country than the United States.

People have been hunting Buried Treasure on Oak Island, Nova Scotia, for more than 200 Years!

The above tidbits taken from National Geographics book 'Weird but True! Canada - 300 outrageous facts about the True North

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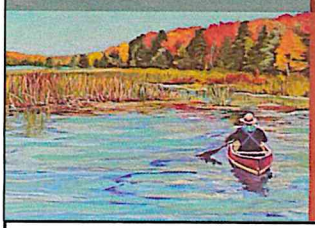
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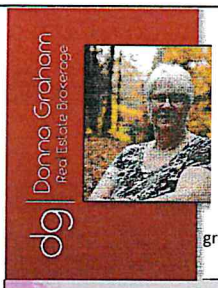

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Please be sure to check the appropriate website and/or Facebook pages to get up to date information

2025	Unless otherwise noted - Tickets available email historical@IrondaleOntario.ca or call/text 705-457-8438
Feb 8	**Lunch —** make your choice from the menu— two soups, several sandwich fillings and desserts available to choose from. Tea, coffee, pop, water available. Doors open 11am to 1pm $15 per person Served while supplies last. Takeout available.
Mar 15	**Breakfast —** Your choice from the offered menu— bacon, sausage, peameal with fried or poached eggs, toast, tea/coffee. Doors open 9:30am to 11am. Invite your friends and neighbours to join you. $15 per person Served while supplies last.
Apr 12	**Victorian Hat Workshop**— Melissa Stephens (costume designer for Highlands Summer Festival Theatre) guides us as we make our own fancy hat for the future tea parties we attend. Registration is limited. $10 per person. Supply list will be sent. Refreshments served. 2 to 4pm at the Irondale church.
Apr 26	**Victorian Tea —** Fancy sandwiches, homemade scones, delightful desserts. $25 per person You must preorder & pay for tickets. Held at the historic Irondale church property at 1019 Elm Rd. 11 am sitting.

Volunteerism:
The rent we pay to live in a good community

Answers to crossword puzzle. Boy I found this a little difficult! Goes to show you its been too long since it was put together.

Across
1. Irondale 2. Kawagama 3. Glamorgan 4. Clyde 5. Donald 6. Snowdon 7. Rackety 8. Soyer 9. Carnarvon 10. Algonquin 11. Loon 12. Fires 13. Niven 14. Boshkung 15. United 16. Pioneer 17. Anson 18. Golf 19. Havelock 20. Gull 21. Fan 22. Wilberforce 23. Rain 24. Trees 25. Salerno 26. Sun 27. Stanhope 28. Livingstone 29. Allsaw 30. Paudash 31. Carnarvon 33. Twelve Mile 34. SirSams 35. Minden

Down
2. Kennisis 4. Cardiff 9. Cheddar 36. MinersBay 37. Head 38. Hindon 39. Dysart 40. Gooderham 41. Lawrence 42. Gelert 42. Halls 44. Dividing 45. Vankoughnet 46. Grist 47. Moores 48. HHGG 49. Allsaw 50. Locals 51. Loonie 52. Eyres 53. Kashagawigamog 54. McClintock 55. FurnaceFalls 56. Nightingale 57. Fort Irwin 58. ToryHill 59. Level 60. Lakes

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